

Poor away run continues— Bridge injured

WYCOMBE WANDERERS 4, BROMLEY 0

BROMLEY'S poor away form ran its usual course at Loakes Park in Saturday's Isthmian League game, when they conceded two goals in each half and might easily have gone down by an even bigger margin. Bromley have now lost eight of their nine away games this season, their solitary success being a 5-0 win against struggling Corinthian-Casuals way back in August.

With Green, Philips and Nottage unfit, Bromley used Agar, Howe and Tait as the front runners in a 4-3-3 formation.

Stonebridge, Wigham and Amato, who wore the No. 10 shirt as Nottage had pulled a muscle in training, formed the midfield trio, with Bridge, Bonney — making his first appearance since going on holiday three weeks ago — Scott and Coote in the back row.

But before Bromley had time to put any tactical plan into operation they were a goal down and the writing was already on the wall.

HEADED HOME

Only three minutes had elapsed when Scott cleared a dangerous situation with an overhead kick. Wycombe quickly launched a second-phase attack, however, and Lailey hit a long cross up the famous Loakes Park slope for Horseman to head home.

And 12 minutes later another long cross from the left, this time from left-back Gale, paved the way for Wycombe's second

goal which Faulkner dived to head into the net.

Len Worley, who was his usual bundle of tricks on Wycombe's right-wing, gave Bromley's defenders a big headache. He took the corner kicks on either wing and from one on the left Coote cleared off the line from Faulkner.

In a rare Bromley break-away, Howe and Tait combined well, but although Tait's low shot eluded the diving Maskell, it went wide of the right-hand post.

Seven minutes before half-time Jeff Bridge had to receive treatment for a back injury and resumed at outside-right. Bridge did not reappear after the interval. David Davenport coming on as substitute to play in the back row of a slightly reshuffled defence.

Inspired by the trickery of Worley and the thrust of Faulkner and Horseman, Wycombe continued to make the running, and Bromley had few chances to break out from defence.

Bonney, though considerably overworked, was the pick of Bromley's defence, and Agar never gave up trying in attack, but Bromley lacked the co-ordination and quick thinking which they needed to stand any chance of getting back into the match.

QUICK GOALS

As the second half minutes ticked away it seemed that Bromley might manage to restrict Wycombe to a couple of goals. But then came two goals in two minutes to give the score-line a more accurate reflection of the play.

Worley began the move which sent Horseman through the middle in the 75th minute and, as Scott came across to attempt a last-ditch tackle, the ball skidded off his boot into the net by the far post.

Two minutes later, with two Bromley defenders colliding and falling to the ground, Horseman and Faulkner were both through. Scott's tackle on Horseman only turned the ball into the path of Faulkner—and that was goal No. 4.

The nearest Bromley came to scoring was when Howe's effort was kicked off the Wycombe line by right-back Temel in the dying minutes.

Wycombe Wanderers: Maskell, Temel, Gale, Lailey, Rundle, Thomas, Worley, Baker, Faulkner, Horseman, Merrick. Sub: V. Busby (not needed).

Bromley: Higgins, Bridge, Coot, Wigham, Bonney, Scott, Agar, Howe, Stonebridge, Amato, Tait. Sub: Davenport.